

Commander's Connection



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shirley Henderson

Col. Philip Ruhlman (left) shakes the hand of Staff Sgt. Russell Gray, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Monday for refurbishing a model F-16 for Sumter.

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On Frierson Rd., I noticed the water sprinklers have been running for two weeks. They don't appear to be shutting off.

I was wondering if this was a problem you were aware of.

They seem to be on all the time and it probably should be taken care of. Thank you.

A

Thank you for taking the time to bring this issue to our attention and

for your concern regarding water conservation.

Currently the sprinkler system operates on a timer and the timer was malfunctioning.

To correct the problem, the timer was repaired and reset to the proper sprinkler intervals. This was accomplished Sept. 30.

The 20th Civil Engineer Squadron will continue to observe this system to ensure proper operation.

Again, thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Airmen on the street

What do you enjoy most about Shaw AFB, S.C.?



1st Lt. Mark Williams, 20th Communications Squadron -- "I enjoy the sense of comradery and contributing to the mission here."



Staff Sgt. Heather Gray, 20th Fighter Wing -- "It's the benefits and opportunities at Shaw I have the chance to be a part of."



Senior Airman Tanna Quinn, 20th Comptroller Squadron -- "The people here are nice and I enjoy my work atmosphere."



Airman 1st Class Jeffery Correll, 20th Security Forces Squadron -- "I enjoy the location of the base. There are good areas to visit in S.C."

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Enjoy your assignment with positive attitude

By Maj. Cheryl Minto
20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Commander

I received one of those chain e-mails from my mom a couple of weeks ago about a 90-year-old blind woman who was being taken to a nursing home. Before the woman even got into her room, she decided it was a beautiful place she would enjoy. When asked how she knew how beautiful the room was without seeing or even feeling it, she told her questioner she made up her mind to like it no matter what.

This story got me to thinking about assignments in the military and how best to enjoy your career, no matter how long you choose to make it. It's a fact of the Air Force we will most likely move every couple of years and won't always go to places we really want to go. Throughout a 20-year career, you could conceivably be stationed

anywhere. Many people will be stationed at five or more bases. That's a lot of moving and a lot of different places. It's entirely up to you whether you view that in a positive light or a negative one. Your attitude will determine how happy you are in each place.

Some of you may not have been thrilled when you got orders to Shaw. I never even considered being stationed in South Carolina. However, once I knew I was coming here, I made up my mind to enjoy it.

Since I've arrived, I have learned how much there is to do here - there really is something for everyone. There's hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, and water skiing for the outdoors types.

There are opportunities nearby to see NASCAR races, professional football, baseball and basketball games if you like sporting events. Several venues offer concerts, opera, ballet and

theater, including a Shakespeare Festival, if you're looking for a little culture. There is also a wide assortment of malls, movie theaters, and some great restaurants if you just want a low-key outing. Finally, you can take advantage of a variety of educational opportunities and many other activities right here on base.

While each new assignment may not necessarily bring you to a place at the top of your "dream sheet," that doesn't mean it has to be a miserable experience.

In order to make the best of each assignment, you have to decide on your own to go out and find hobbies, pursue education and participate in activities.

Rather than focusing on what you don't like about your new assignment, you should view each new location as an adventure or a chance to try, see and do new things. And then, go have fun!

C R O S S W O R D

Pacific Air Force

ACROSS

1. PACAF base in Japan
6. PACAF base in Korea
10. Mil. operation performed since 9/11
11. Continent within PACAF AOR
13. Internet provider, in short
15. Oklahoma town
16. Type of arrest?
18. United States of America opponent in Civil War
20. ALS, ABC, NCOA, SOS, etc.
21. Glows
23. Plane flown by three WG at 28 DOWN
26. PACAF base in Guam
29. Entertainment presented between the acts of a show
31. 1939 Oscar winner "Over the Rainbow" composer
33. Period
35. Paramedic, in brief
36. Friend
38. Dispensable
42. Bullring cheer
43. Colorless liquid used in synthetic rubber
45. Lawn
46. John Wayne movie

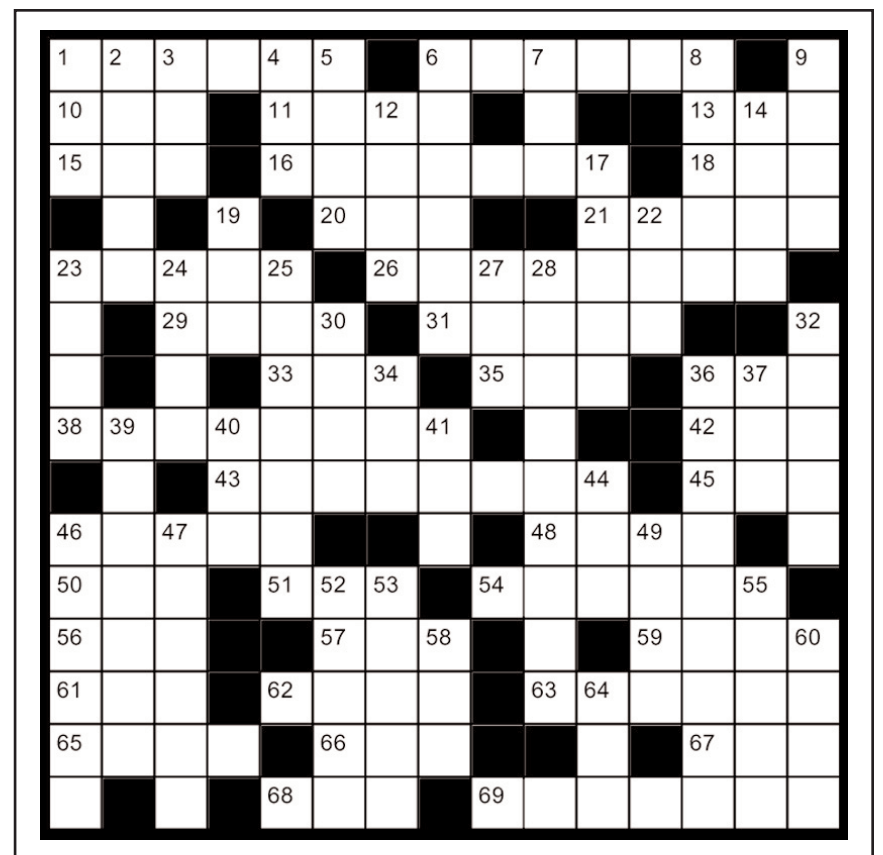
48. Actress Moore

50. Simpson trial judge
51. USA foe 1954-1975
54. PACAF base in Japan
56. 102 to Caesar
57. Football stat
59. Competent
61. Ring results
62. Andy's boy in Mayberry
63. Leg bone
65. Again
66. Airport abbrev.
67. Decay
68. A Gershwin
69. PACAF station in Hawaii

DOWN

1. Flightless bird
2. Country within PACAF AOR
3. Body of water
4. Mil. organization in WWII
5. Quickly!
6. PACAF base in Japan
7. Federal organization concerned with arts
8. Mother-of-pearl
9. Sigh of woe
12. Cook expert who wrote "The Joy of Cooking"

14. PACAF base in Korea
17. Punctuation mark
19. Everything
22. Branch of DOD
23. Paradise
24. Absent
25. PACAF base in Alaska
27. Rapping doctor?
28. PACAF base in Alaska
30. Cookie
32. AFS in Alaska
34. Cleopatra killer
36. Chief political committee of a Communist party
37. Pub order
39. Sentiment
40. Effectuated
41. ___ Lanka
44. ___! The Cat cartoon
46. PACAF base in Hawaii
47. Thumps or clashes
49. Utah town
52. Nickname of plane flown by 35 FW at 1 ACROSS
53. Thomas accuser Hill
55. Permit
58. Afternoon drink to Tony Blair?
60. Dines
64. Sick



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman



Oct. 1 puzzle solution